



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Sean E. Conley

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. Sect. 1.111

Sir:

This communication is Applicant's response to the Office Action in the utility patent application identified above; the Office Action is dated as mailed July 11, 2003. In that Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 10 and 11 and rejected Claims 1, 4-6 and 9. The Examiner objected to Claims 2-3 as depending upon a rejected base claim. Finally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 2-3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including limitations of the rejected base claim, and further indicated Claims 4 and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of their rejected base claim and intervening claims, and overcoming the Examiner's rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

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The response that follows is believed to be in strict compliance with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121, as presently required. Amendments are herein requested with respect to the SPECIFICATION and CLAIMS. These requested amendments are followed by Applicant's AFFIDAVIT and REMARKS in support of a request for an affirmative response regarding patentability of all claims, and the prompt issuance of Letters Patent.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Change for Section: TITLE

Please amend the TITLE as follows:

~~Hunter's Trunk~~ Container and Method for Conditioning Articles of Hunting
Clothing and Related Gear

Changes for Section: BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, lines 25-29, please amend the paragraph as follows:

A1 Forbes, et al. address[[es]] the problem of maintaining hunters' clothing scent free during transportation. This invention is to avoid the addition of more scents from such temporary storage media as garbage bag and plastic garment bags.